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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

### SUMMARY

As reported by the House Committee on Appropriations, the District of Columbia appropriations bill (H.R. 2944) is in technical violation of the conference report on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2002 (H.Con.Res. 83), and as such violates the Congressional Budget Act. The bill is expected to be modified by a self-executing amendment in the rule prior to floor consideration.

Under authority granted in Article I of the United States Constitution (section 8, clause 17), this bill not only appropriates Federal payments to the District to fund certain activities, but also approves the District of Columbia's entire budget, including the expenditure of local funds (\$7.1 billion for fiscal year 2002). This Appropriations Update reflects only the Federal payments.

### COST OF THE LEGISLATION

The measure provides \$402 million in new discretionary budget authority [BA] and \$409 million in outlays for fiscal year 2002 – a decrease of \$44 million in BA and \$22 million in outlays compared with enacted amounts for fiscal year 2001 enacted amount.

The bill contains no emergency-designated appropriations, no advance appropriations, and no rescissions. A breakdown of the major spending categories appears on the following page.

The bill as reported provides \$60 million in discretionary BA above the President's request. It exceeds the President's request by providing increased funds for development and implementation of an emergency security plan for the District, job training, literacy programs, the Children's National Medical Center, and reform of the District's Family Court system. The bill also allows the District to spend the proceeds from the sale of surplus real estate and related property from the closing of the Lorton Correctional Facility.

District of Columbia Appropriations Bill (fiscal years; millions of dollars)				
	2001 Enacted	Administration 2002 Request	302(b) for 2002	2002 Bill
Budget Authority	446	342	399	402
Outlays	431	362	415	409

### COMPLIANCE WITH THE BUDGET RESOLUTION

The bill as reported by the Appropriations Committee violates sections 302(f) and 311(a) of the Budget Act, which prohibit consideration of bills in excess of a subcommittee's

302(b) allocation pursuant to the overall levels of budget authority and outlays established in the concurrent resolution on the budget. The \$402 million in new discretionary budget

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authority is \$3 million in excess of the 302(b) allocation to the Appropriations Subcommittee on the District of Columbia. An amendment adopted in committee allows the revenue from the sale of surplus property associated with the closing of the Lorton Correctional Facility to be available for use by the District of Columbia rather than being deposited in the Treasury of the United States.

The rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2944 will contain a self-executing amendment that will change the effective date on the offending language from 1 October 2001 to 1 October 2002, thereby allowing the bill to comply with the conference report on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2002, and with the Congressional Budget Act.

Discretionary Spending in the District of Columbia Appropriations Bill (in millions of dollars)		
	Budget Authority	Outlays
DC Courts .....	301	321
DC Corrections .....	37	55
Tuition Assistance .....	17	17
Security Planning .....	16	16
Redirect Proceeds from Disposition of Lorton Correctional Facility .....	4	1

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